(d) to what extent the Centre helped in bringing the situation under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) During the period December 2006 and January 2007 no major communal riot occurred in the country. However, in connection with the communal violence in Gorakhpur and surrounding areas in Uttar Pradesh following the death of a Hindu youth in a clash between a Hindu marriage party and Muslim Muharram processionists on 26.01.2007, Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal, Mininster of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs visited Gorakhpur on 1.2.2007 for an assessmet of the situation. He held a meeting with the State authorities including District Magistrate and SSP, Gorakhpur and IG Police, Gorakhpur zone at the Gorakhpur airport it was informed that the situation was tense but under control. The State authorities also informed that curfew was imposed in areas of four police stations (Kotwali, Rajghat, Tiwaripur and Gorakhnath) and advised him not to visit the curfew-bound areas. He was also informed that they had sufficient requisite forces to take care of the situation. MOS (Home) advised the authorities to take all possible steps in order to restore peace and tranquility at the earlies. He also assured them that the Centre would provide all possible help required by the State Government in this regard. In order to control the situation, apart from the State Police, Union Government made available 11 companies of Rapid Action Force, 6 companies of Central Reserve Police Force and 5 companies of Shasastra Seema Bal to the State Government for deployment in affected areas.

Strengthening of social Infrastructure in SEZs

*234. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many SEZs, have been approved by Government so far, State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many have been commissioned among them;

(c) what percentage of areas in each of the functioning SEZ is being used for manufacturing/processing purposes;

(d) what percentage of area in each of the functioning SEZ is being used for housing and infrastructure development purposes;

(e) whether it is a fact that social infrastructure like schools are not being developed in several SEZs; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken to strengthen the social infrastructure in SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) After the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 was operationalised with effect from10th February, 2006, 237 formal approvals have been granted of which three proposals have since been withdrawn/ cancelled. Out of the 234 valid formal approvals, 63 have been notified. Details of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) formally approved and notified so far are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Formal approvals granted	SEZs notified under the SEZ Act, 2005
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44	15
2.	Chandigarh	2	1
3.	Delhi	1	—
4.	Goa	4	—
5.	Gujarat	19	6
6.	Haryana	19	2
7.	Jharkhand	1	1
8.	Karnataka	27	10
9.	Kerala	10	5
10.	Madhya Pradesh	4	2
11.	Maharashtra	47	7
12.	Orissa	5	—
13.	Puducherry	1	—

1	2	3	4
14.	Punjab	4	1
15.	Rajasthan	3	—
16.	Tamil Nadu	25	9
17.	Uttaranchal	3	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh	8	3
19.	West Bengal	7	1
	TOTAL	234	63

(c) and (d) In terms of the SEZ Rules, 2006, the minimum processing areas should be 35% in a Multi Product SEZ and 50% in sector specific SEZs. Of the 63 notified SEZs, 23 are in various stages of project implementation. However, as per available information, presently only processing area is being developed in these SEZs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As explained in reply to part (c) and (d) above, 23 of the 63 notified SEZs are developing only processing area as at present. However, Social infrastructure including Schools/Educational institutions, medical centres, recreation facilities, employee welfare activities are included in the list of activities which can be undertaken in a sector-specific or a multi-product SEZ are obtaining authorization from the Board of Approval.

Shifting of HQ of the office of Salt Commissioner

*235. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken in 1994 to shift the Headquarters of the Office of Salt Commissioner from Jaipur to Gandhinagar; and

(b) if so, the present status of decision?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.